

May 24, 2011

Chairman Julius Genachowski  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, D.C. 20554



Dear Chairman Genachowski:

The Center for Education, Business & the Arts (CEBA) enthusiastically supports a proposed merger between AT&T and T-Mobile. CEBA is located in southern Utah and seeks to promote economic development in Kane County. CEBA is a collaborative Interlocal Agency organization comprised of Kanab City, Kane County, and Dixie State College of Utah.

Certainly we always align ourselves with efforts to invest in infrastructure and technology capable of reaching rural areas like Kane County. At the heart of this deal is an extra \$8 billion investment by AT&T over seven years. That would help AT&T offer mobile broadband coverage to an additional 55 million people.

Undoubtedly, this new coverage will benefit rural communities and other underserved regions the most. Kane County could gain tremendously from access to mobile broadband, including more reliable access to real-time interactive platforms and improved cell phone service. Business development will receive a boost with new prospects for healthcare, emergency services, education and entertainment—all of which add to overall quality of life.

I appreciate the opportunity to share our view of this merger and sincerely hope you, like our organization, find reason to approve it.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads 'Kelly Stowell'.

Kelly Stowell, Executive Director  
The Center for Education, Business & the Arts

CC:  
Commissioner Michael Copps  
Commissioner Robert McDowell  
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn  
Commissioner Meredith Attwell Baker